

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Diane Dunn McKay on September 11, 2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

- A) Claim 1, lines 8-9, delete "said concave limb support being concave in a vertical plane,".
- B) Claim 1, line 10, after "on the floor" insert -- such that said concave limb support is concave in a generally vertical plane and in a direction generally perpendicular to said base portion--.
- C) Claim 1, line 11, after "floor" insert -- at an oblique angle--.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments with respect to *Burrell* are persuasive. The prior art of record further does not disclose or make obvious an exercise apparatus comprising a cross bar positioned as described, in a first condition with a limb support means to support the legs of a user beneath the cross bar and the limb support means having hand grip means to enable the user to push down on the

apparatus with their weight, the limb support means comprising a concave limb support centrally formed on the cross bar to be concave in a vertical plane and perpendicular to a base portion, the cross bar joined to an arm portion extending obliquely from the base portion, and the apparatus being rotatable by approximately 90 degrees to a second condition for use wherein the cross bar is adjacent the supporting floor.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VICTOR K. HWANG whose telephone number is (571) 272-4976. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LoAn H. Thanh can be reached on (571) 272-4966. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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